(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Modrnisation and replacement of equipment is a continuous process carried out in a phased manner. The requirements of the Kendra are reviewed from time to time.

Training of AIR and Doordarshan staff

3436. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the staff posted in the AIR and Doordarshan Kendras in the district headquarter AIR Station and DD Centres are not proposely trained;

(b) whether there is a need to provide better training facilities for these staffers of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide exclusive training facilities required for DD and AIR and also for the Indian Information Service officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. These have been reviewed and snyllabi prepared for improvement of skill as well as STIs modified to provide improved facilities. Engineering officers/staff of both All India Radio and Doordarshan are imparted training at the Staff Training Institute (Technical) located at Delhi. The Programme Officers/staff of All India Radio and the Ministerial officers/staff, besides being given training at the Staff Training Institute (Programme) located at Delhi, are also trained at Regional Training Centres at Ahmedabad, Cuttack, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Shillong and Thiruvananthapuram. The Programme officers/staff of Doordarshan are given trajinng at the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune. The Indian Institute of Mass Communications caters to the training requirements of Indian Information Service officials as well as staff of Doordarshan/AIR.

Doordarshan coverage in Orissa

3437. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total Doordarshan coverage provided in Orissa as on 31st March, 1995;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to expend Doordarshan network in Ortssa during 1995-96; and

(c) if so, the proposals expected to be considered in the above financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Whereas the entire State of Orissa is covered by satellite service, terrestrial transmission is available to about 81.4 per cent by population and 77.6 per cent by area of the State as on 31.3.1995.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. 40 Low Power/ Very Low Power Transmitters are envisaged to be set up in Orissa during the current financial year i.e., 1995.96, usbject to availability of adequate resources, timely supply of equipment and requisit infrastructural facilities.

Cultural Programmes on Doordarshan

3438. SHRI BHAGBAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the sttps being taken by Government for projecting the culture of different States in Doordarshan programme;

(b) if so, the steps taken on the projection of culture history and tradition of Orissa: